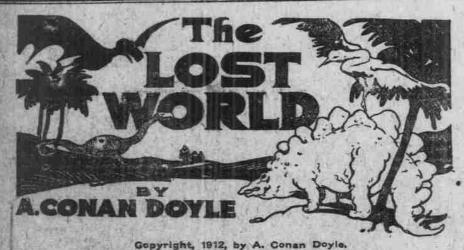


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The peaceful penetration of Maple White Land, which we called the new untry, was the pressing subject be fore us. We had the evidence of our own eyes that the place was inhabited some unknown creatures, and there was that of Maple White's sketchbook to show that more creadful and danmonsters might still appear That there might also prove to be human occupants and that they were of a malevolent character was suggested by the skeleton impaled upon the bamboos, which could not have got there had it not been dropped from above. Our situation, stranded withpossibility of escape in such a land, was clearly full of danger, and our reasons indorsed every measure of caution which Lord John's experience could suggest. Yet it was surely impossible that we should halt on the edge of this world of mystery when our very souls were tingling with impatience to push forward and to pluck the heart from it.

We therefore blocked the entranc to our sareba by filling it up with several thorny bushes and left our camp with the stores entirely surrounded by this protecting hedge. We then slowly and cautiously set forth into the unthe stream which flowed from our spring, as it should always serve us as a guide on our return.

Hardly had we started when we came across signs that there were in-deed wonders awaiting us. After a few hundred yards of thick forest containing many trees which were quite unknown to me, but which Summer-lee, who was the botanist of the party, recognized as forms of conifera and of cycadaceous plants which have long passed away in the world below we entered a region where the stream widened out and formed a considerable bog. Suddenly Lord John, who was walking first, halted with uplifted

"Look at this!" said he. "By George,

nted in the soft mud before us. The creature, whatever it was, had crossed the swamp and had passed on into the forest. We all stopped to examine that monsirous spoor. If it were indeed a bird-and what animal uld leave such a mark?—Its foot was so much larger than an ostrich's that its height upon the same scale must be enormous. Lord John looked eagerround him and slipped two car-

"I'll stake my good name as a shikarree," said he, "that the track is a fresh one. The creature has not passed ten minutes. Look how the water is still oozing into that deeper print! By Jovel See, here is the mark of a

Sure enough, smaller tracks of the general form were running parallel to the large ones. "But what do you make of this?"

sried Professor Summerlee triumphant-



We Observed Them at Our Leleure. ly, pointing to what looked like the buge print of a five fingered human hand appearing among the three toed

"Wealden!" cried Challenger in an estasy. "I've seen them in the Wealden clay. It is a creature walking erect upon three toed feet and occasionally putting one of its five fingered forepaws upon the ground. Not a bird, my dear Roxton-not a bird,"
"A beast?"

could have left such a track. They puzzled a worthy Sussex doctor sinety years ago. But who in the world could have hoped—hoped— stream, when we came upon a considerable opening in the trees. A belt of

His words died away into a whisper, and we all stood in motionless amazement. Following the tracks, we had left the morass and passed through a screen of brushwood and trees. youd was an open glade, and in this were five of the most extraordinary creatures that I have ever seen.

Crouching tlown among the bushes, we observed them at our lelsure. There were, as I say, five of them, two being adults and three young ones. In size they were enormous. Even the bables were as big as elephants, while the two large ones were far beyond all creatures I have ever seen. They had slate colored skin, which was scaled like a lizard's and shimmered where the sun shone upon it. All five were sitting up, balancing themselves upon their broad, powerful tails and their huge three toed hind feet, while with their small five fingered front feet they pulled down the branches upon which they browsed. I do not know that I can bring their ap-pearance home to you better than by saying that they looked like monstrous ngaroos, twenty feet in length, and with skins like black crocodiles

We saw the shimmering slaty gleam of their skins between the tree trunks and their heads undulating high above the brushwood. Then they vanished from our sight.

I looked at my comrades. Lord John was standing at gaze with his finger on the trigger of his elephant gun, his eager hunter's soul shining from his flerce eyes. What would he not give for one such head to place between the two crossed oars above the mantelpiece in his snuggery at the Albany! And yet his reason held him in, for all our exploration of the wonders of this unknown land depended upon our presence being concealed from its inhabitants. The two professors were in silent ecstasy. In their excitement they had unconsciously seized each other by the hand and stood like two little children in the presence of a ed up into the air. marvel, Challenger's cheeks bunched | "Make for the wood and keep togethup into a seraphic smile and Summerlee's sardonic face softening for the

moment into wonder and reverence. "Nunc dimittis!" he cried at last. the circle closed in upon us until the "What will they say in England of this?"

"My dear Summerlee, I will tell you with great confidence exactly what they will say in England," said Challenger. "They will say that you are an infernal liar and a scientific charletan, exactly as you and others said of me.

"In the face of photographs?" "Faked, Summerlee! Clumsily fak-

"In the face of specimens?" "Ah, there we may have them! Malone and his filthy Fleet street crew may be all yelping our praises yet. August the 28th-the day we saw live iguanodons in a glade of Maple White Land. Put # down in your diary, my young friend, and send it to your rag."

"And be ready to get the toe end of the editorial boot in return," said Lord John. "Things look a bit different from the latitude of London, young fellah my lad. There's many a man who never tells his adventures, for he can't hope to be believed. Who's to blame them? For this will seem a bit of a dream to ourselves in a month or

two. What did you say they were?" "Iguanodons," said Summerlee, "You will find their footmarks all over the Hastings sands in Kent and in Sussex. The south of England was alive with them when there was plenty of good lush green stuff to keep them going. Conditions have changed, and the beasts died. Here it seems that the conditions have not changed, and the beasts have lived."

"If ever we get out of this alive I John. "Lord; how some of that Soma-Bland-Uganda crowd would turn a don't know what you chaps think, but thin ice all this time."

It was destined that on this very morning-our first in the new country -we were to find out what strange hazards lay around us. It was a loathome adventure and one of which I hate to think. If, as Lord John said, the glade of the iguinodons will remain with us as a dream, then surely the swamp of the pterodactyls will forever be our nightmare. Let me set down exactly what occurred.

We passed very slowly through the woods, partly because Lord Roxton acted as scout before he would let us advance and partly because at every second step one or other of our professors would fall, with a cry of wonder, before some flower or insect which presented him with a new type. We may have traveled two or three miles in all, keeping to the right of the line of the erable opening in the trees. A belt of

brushwood led up to a tangle of rocks The whole plateau was strewn with bowlders. We were walking, slowly toward these rocks, among bushes which reached over our waists, when we became aware of a strange, low gabbling and whistling sound, which filled the air with a constant clamor and appeared to come from some spot imme diately before us. Lord John held up his hand as a signal for us to stop, and he made his way swiftly, stooping and running, to the line of rocks. We saw him peep over them and give a gesture of amazement. Then he stood staring as if forgetting us, so utterly entranced was he by what he saw. Finally he waved us to come on, holding up his hand as a signal for caution. His whole bearing made me feel that something very wonderful, but dangerous, lay before us.

Creeping to his side, we looked over the rocks. The place into which we gazed was a pit and may in the early days have been one of the smaller volcanic blowholes of the plateau. It was bowl shaped, and at the bottom, some hundreds of yards from where we lay, were pools of green scummed, stagnant water, fringed with bullrushes. It was a weird place in itself, but its occupants made it seem like a scene from the "Seven Circles of Dante." The place was a rookery of pterodac tyls. There were hundreds of them congregated within view. All the bottom area around the water edge was alive with their young ones and with hideous mothers brooding upon their leathery, yellowish eggs. From this crawling, flapping mass of unclean reptilian life came the shocking clamor which filled the air and the mephitic, horrible, musty odor which turned us sick. But above, perched each upon its own stone, tall, gray and withered, more like dead and dried specimens than actual living creatures, sat the horrible males, absolutely motionless save for the rolling of their red eyes or an occasional snap of the rattrap beaks as a dragon fly went past them. Their huge membranous wings were closed by folding their forearms, so that they sat like gigantic old women, wrapped in hideous web colored shawls, and with their ferocious heads protruding above them. Large and small, not less than a thousand of these filthy creatures lay in the hollow before us.

CHAPTER XIII. A Prehistoric Tragedy.

HALLENGER, bent upon proving some point which Summerlee had contested, thrust his head over the rock and nearly brought destruction upon us all. In an instant the nearest male gave a shrill. whistling cry and flapped its twenty foot span of leathery wings as it soar-

er," cried Lord John, clubbing his rifle. "The brutes mean mischief." The moment we attempted to retreat



The Circle Closed In Upon Us.

tips of the wings of those nearest to us nearly touched our faces. We beat at them with the stocks of our guns, but there was nothing solid or vulnerable to strike. Then suddenly out of the whizzing, slate colored circle a long neck shot out and a fierce beak made a thrust at us. Another and another followed: Summerice gave a cry and put his hand to his face, from which the blood was streaming. I felt a prod must have a head with me," said Lord at the back of my neck and turned diz zy with the shock. Challenger fell, and as I stooped to pick him up I was beautiful pea green if they saw it! I again struck from behind and dropped on the top of him. At the same instant it strikes me that we are on mighty I heard the crash of Lord John's elephant gun and, looking up, saw one of the creatures with a broken wing struggling upon the ground, spitting and gurgling at us with a wide opened beak and bloodshot, goggled eyes, like some devil in a mediaeval picture. Its comrades had flown higher at the sudden sound and were circling above us.

"Now." eried Lord John, "now for our lives!"

(To Be Continued.) Two hundred and fifty men, boys and women acted as fire fighters to prevent a brush fire from destroying

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